

1997 Census of Agriculture

County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture, North Carolina Agricultural Statistics Service

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NORTH CAROLINA

Ranked Items Within State and U.S., 1997

Item	Quantity	State		U.S.	
		Rank	Universe*	Rank	Universe*
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)					
Total value of agricultural products sold	46,791	43	100	1,261	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	42,149	34	100	630	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	4,642	84	100	2,163	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Poultry & poultry products	32,392	19	97	189	2,901
Dairy products	7,028	6	67	490	2,563
Tobacco	2,776	53	86	220	580
Cattle and calves	2,647	24	99	1,940	3,063
Fruits, nuts, berries	720	6	97	381	2,547
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	11,373,400	16	68	171	1,882
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	1,668,309	5	72	43	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	6,692	26	99	1,923	3,063
All goats sold	293	9	94	334	2,686
Hogs and pigs sold	(D)	76	95	2,340	2,976
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Broiler inventory	1,887,125	16	81	166	2,620
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	681,000	7	98	117	3,002
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	484,625	2	72	23	2,549
Pullets less than 13 weeks inventory	178,025	5	51	89	1,790
Cattle and calves inventory	20,408	13	99	1,519	3,064
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	11,791	17	99	1,527	3,061
Corn for silage-acres	2,921	7	88	502	2,473
Soybeans for beans-acres	1,024	73	88	1,577	2,144
Corn for grain-acres	894	73	100	1,896	2,691
Tobacco-acres	759	56	86	232	583

Some counties do not have five commodities in a group.

Other County Summary Highlights

Item	1997	1992	Percent Change
Farms by value of sales:			
Less than \$10,000	317	267	19
\$10,000 or more	248	240	3
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	34,225	30,335	13
Average per farmdollars..	60,575	59,832	1
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	4,127	5,036	-18
Average per farmdollars..	7,304	9,933	-26
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	507	464	9
Partnership or corporation	55	42	31
Other	3	1	200
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	274	261	5
Other	291	246	18
Operators by sex:			
Male	511	459	11
Female	54	48	13
Operators by race:			
White	559	504	11
Black and other races	6	3	100
Average age of operator	53.2	53.5	-1

(D) Cannot be disclosed. See "Census of Agriculture Volume 1 Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

* Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.

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